

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising:

an absorbent body ~~comprising a pulp fiber and a super~~  
~~absorbent polymer, in which~~ having a front surface side and  
comprising a first layer of pulp fibers, a second layer of pulp  
5 fibers and super absorbent polymer and a third layer of pulp  
fibers such that the super absorbent polymer is only in the  
second layer, wherein the first, second and third layers are  
laminated in order from the front surface side such that the  
second layer is between the first and third layers, and wherein a  
10 content of the super absorbent polymer is in the second layer of  
the absorbent body is not less than 55% by weight of the  
absorbent body;

a top sheet which is liquid permeable and covers the  
absorbent body, wherein the top sheet includes a non-woven  
15 fabric;

a liquid-permeable upper sheet; and

a liquid-impermeable lower sheet;

wherein the second layer of the absorbent body is thicker  
than both the first layer of the absorbent body and the third  
20 layer of the absorbent body;

wherein a total thickness of the absorbent article is 5 mm  
or less;

wherein a moisture absorbing blocking rate of the super  
absorbent polymer is 50% or less;

25        wherein the top sheet and the absorbent body are situated  
between the liquid-permeable upper sheet and the liquid-  
impermeable lower sheet; and

          wherein a fiber thickness, a wet strength, and a basis  
weight of the non-woven fabric in the top sheet are set to be not  
30        more than 2.0 denier, not less than 300 g/25 mm, and not less  
than 10 g/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively.

Claims 2 and 3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein

the top sheet is a single sheet and has an overlapping  
portion at a center of the front surface side of the absorbent  
5        body; and

~~at least a portion of~~ both surfaces of the non-woven fabric  
in the top sheet ~~is~~ are subjected to a hydrophilic treatment.

5. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article as claimed in  
claim 1, wherein the super absorbent polymer has absorption  
capabilities such that: 1) an absorption speed of 30 cc of  
artificial urine is 50 seconds or less, and 2) an absorbed amount

5 of artificial urine under a pressure of 20 g/cm<sup>2</sup> is 28 cc/g or more, ~~and 3) a moisture absorbing blocking rate is 50% or less.~~

Claims 6 and 7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the top sheet is conterminous with the absorbent body.

9. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising an outer layer non-woven fabric arranged alongside the liquid-impermeable lower sheet on an opposite side from the top sheet and absorbent body.

10. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 9, wherein the liquid-permeable upper sheet is partly in contact with the outer layer non-woven fabric.

11. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 10, wherein the liquid-impermeable lower sheet is in contact with the outer layer non-woven fabric.

12. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 9, wherein the liquid-impermeable lower sheet is in contact with the outer layer non-woven fabric.

13. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 1, further comprising water-repellent non-woven fabrics for forming three-dimensional gathers arranged on the liquid-permeable upper sheet at side edge portions of the absorbent body.

14. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the liquid-permeable upper sheet and the liquid-impermeable lower sheet are both in contact with the top sheet.